

**REMARKS**

**INTRODUCTION:**

In accordance with the foregoing the specification has been amended and claim 18 has been cancelled. No claims have been amended or added.

Claims 1-15 and 19-21 are pending and under consideration. Claims 1, 10, 12, 13, 15, 19 and 20 are independent claims. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the present amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

**EXAMINER CONFERENCES:**

The present amendments and cancellation of claim 18 were made pursuant to phone conferences with Examiner Boakye on May 6, 2008 and May 12, 2008. The Examiner indicated that the application will now be in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION:**

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

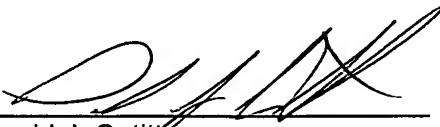
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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